

Redistricting Commission

Record of Action | Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar) Thursday, April 15, 2021 | 3:00 p.m.

This meeting aired live on the City's Zoom Webinar platform.

Commissioners Present

Valentine Hoy
Fredrick Kosmo
Roy MacPhail
Kenneth Malbrough
Alan Nevin
Mitz Lee
Justine Nielsen
Monica Hernandez
Thomas Hebrank

City Staff Present

Jennifer Berry, Deputy City Attorney
Kathy Steinman, Deputy City Attorney
Lora Fleming, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff

Commissioner Roll Call

- Redistricting Commission Chair Hebrank called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and the roll
 was called to confirm Commission member attendance.
 - Present: Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - Not Present: Alan Nevin (Commissioner Nevin joined the meeting after Item 5 was voted on.)

Non-Agenda Public Comment

• The Commission received a letter from two members of the Rancho Penasquitos Town Council. That letter was distributed to the Commissioners and will be included in the public record.

Item 1- Chair's Report

Chair Hebrank thanked the members serving on the Outreach and Mapping RFP subcommittees and acknowledged the subcommittee chairs for their hard work. Chair Hebrank also discouraged Commissioners from meeting with others concerning redistricting matters outside of the public meetings. If they do, however, Chair Hebrank reminded them to fill out the communications log to document the meeting.

Item 2- Commissioner Comment

 Commissioner Kosmo spoke about the letter from the Rancho Penasquitos Town Council and how the Commission would be receiving similar letters from various communities throughout the redistricting process.

Item 3- Chief of Staff Comment

- Lora Fleming has been in contact with a representative from the County Registrar of Voters.
 They are keeping each other in the loop regarding any potential actions by the State Legislature to change the date of the 2022 Primary election which is currently scheduled for June 7th.
 As of right now, that date has not changed.
- She also had a meeting with two Commissioners from the California Redistricting Commission.
 These two Commissioners are responsible for outreach for Imperial and San Diego County, so
 there's some overlap with the City of San Diego. They also discussed the Census data delay
 and the potential for changing timelines. They will stay in touch and have a recurring meeting,
 most likely on a quarterly basis.
- Lora Fleming also reported that the Redistricting2020 email account has gotten much more active with requests from the public to be included on the Redistricting Commission distribution list. The Commission now has over 160 people who receive a link to the agendas and updates. That number is expected to grow as the website build out is finalized.

Item 4- City Attorney's Office Comment

No comments.

Item 5- Approve Record of Action for March 18, 2021 Meeting

- ACTION: Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the Record of Action for March 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Malbrough and approved 8-0 by the Commission members.
 - Yea: Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);
 - Not Present: Alan Nevin

Item 6- Update from Outreach Subcommittee

- ACTION: Vice Chair Malbrough made a motion to approve the Outreach Subcommittee's Phase 1 and 2 outreach proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously by Commission members by a roll call vote.
 - Yea: Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);

Not Present: (None).

Item 7- Update from Mapping Subcommittee

- ACTION: Commissioner MacPhail made a motion to approve the Mapping RFP Subcommittee draft and the release of the RFP after final approval by Purchasing & Contracting and the City Attorney's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kosmo and approved unanimously by Commission members by a roll call vote.
 - Yea: Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);
 - Not Present: (None).

Item 8- Formation of Legal Counsel Subcommittee

- ACTION: Chair Hebrank made a motion to nominate Commissioner Hoy as the Legal Counsel Subcommittee Chair with Commissioners Kosmo and Lee serving as members of the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Malbrough and approved unanimously by Commission members by a roll call vote.
 - Yea: Valentine Hoy, Fredrick Kosmo, Roy MacPhail, Kenneth Malbrough, Alan Nevin, Mitz Lee, Justine Nielsen, Monica Hernandez, Thomas Hebrank;
 - Nay: (None);
 - Recused: (None);
 - Not Present: (None).

Item 9- Legal Presentation by Deputy City Attorneys Jennifer Berry and Kathy Steinman

• Deputy City Attorneys Jennifer Berry and Kathy Steinman provided a presentation on population equality and the Voting Rights Act.

Item 10- Adjournment

• Chair Hebrank adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m. on May 20, 2021.